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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES STRANDED IN CAIRO

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1. MISSION (HA) RECEIVED UNSOLICITED CALL FROM AMERICAN
ICEM OFFICIAL THIS MORNING WHICH ADVISED THAT WE STAY OUT
OF CONTROVERSY INVOLVING POSSIBLE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES
ENROUTE FRANCE NOW STRANDED AT CAIRO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

2. REP STATED MASSIVE ILLEGAL DOCUMENTATION MARKET NOW
OPERATING IN BANGKOK WHICH, OVER PAST SIX WEEK PERIOD, HAS
ISSUED FALSE DOCUMENTS FOR SOME 600 TO 700 INDOCHINESE TO
ENTER FRANCE. HE STATED THAT "A LOT OF MONEY IS CHANGING
HANDS" AND NO ONE IS SURE PRECISLY WHO CULPRITS ARE.
ESPECIALLY PUZZLING, HE SAID, IS HOW SPURIOUS EXIT
PERMITS FROM THAILAND ARE BEING ISSUED AND EMPLOYED WITHOUT
HINDRANCE ON PART OF THAI GOVERNMENT.

3. IN ANY EVENT, SOURCE STATED, FRENCH
AUTHORITIES, AFTER FIRST WINKING AT FEW ARRIVING WITH
FORGED PAPERS, ARE NOW "FURIOUS" AND DETERMINED TO
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BLOCK ANY FURTHER ENTRIES OF ILLEGALLY DOCUMENTED

INDOCHINESE. HE SAID GOF HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO AIRLINES NOT TO ACCEPT PASSENGERS FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA FOR PASSAGE TO FRANCE WITHOUT PROVEN VALID IDENTIFICATION, AND HAD WARNED THAT ANY SUCH PASSENGERS DETECTED ENROUTE OR ARRIVING FRANCE WOULD BE TURNED BACK FOR RETURN PASSAGE AT AIRLINES' EXPENSE.

4. REP STATED THAT CAIRO GROUP WAS FIRST PARTY CAUGHT UNDER GOF'S NEW TOUGH POSTURE. CONFIRMING REF D. HE SAID THAT IN THIS CASE ONLY, FRENCH MIGHT RELENT AND PERMIT SOME CHILDREN AND PREGNANT WOMAN TO CONTINUE TO FRANCE ON HUMANITARION GROUNDS. IN ANY EVENT, HE REPEATED FRIENDLY COUNSEL THAT WE REMAIN OUT OF PRESENT MUDDLED SITUATION. BRENNAN

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